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ECF
Honorable Robert W. Sweet
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Geoffrey Cortes, 18 Cr. 356 (RWS)

Hon. Judge Sweet:

With consent of the Department of Pretrial Services (Carlos Ramirez) and the government, I request an adjournment of the December 13, 2018 status conference. Mr. Cortes is doing well in an inpatient drug treatment program. He needs the additional time to progress in the program, and the parties need additional time to work out a disposition.

To that end, we request that the time between December 13, 2018 and the next court date of February 13, 2019, be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, section 3161 (h)(7)(A). Excluding time will best serve the ends of justice and outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial, because it will allow the government and defense counsel to continue discussions regarding a possible disposition in the matter.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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cc: Government counsel
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